

INDIANA SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

Transportation of Students in Severe Weather Policy

Policy O-09

To fulfill the school's responsibility for student safety, it is the policy of the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired that, if an emergency situation exists, student travel off-campus for community based learning, extracurricular, or recreation activities be prohibited during periods of severe weather when driving conditions make such travel hazardous. During severe weather, students will not be allowed to depart the campus by city bus, taxi, or by staff, contractors, or volunteers using state or privately owned vehicles. Students may be released to parents, guardians, authorized representatives of the parent or guardian, or the authorized personnel providing transportation to the student. Parents or transportation personnel picking up or delivering students to campus will be accommodated on campus if they decide to stay due to the severe weather making travel conditions hazardous.

The ISBVI Board directs the ISBVI Superintendent to ensure ISBVI staff, contractor, and volunteer compliance with this policy by:

- 1) Developing ISBVI Administrative Directives and Procedures to implement the ISBVI Board Policy on Transportation of Students in Severe Weather to a) serve as notice to staff, contractors, and volunteers; and b) clearly delineate and detail their responsibilities, expectations, and procedures. Specifically, the procedures will include a) criteria for determination of severe weather that would prohibit students from traveling off-campus; b) coordination, arrangements, and on-campus accommodations for parents, guardians, and local school transportation personnel who, because of severe weather, decide that travel is ill-advised;
- 2) Providing ISBVI staff, contractors, and volunteers written notice and documenting their awareness and receipt of these documents by obtaining their signatures;
- 3) Affording initial and periodic on-going training to ISBVI staff, contractors and volunteers on the ISBVI Board Policy on Transportation of Students in Severe Weather and accompanying ISBVI Administrative Directives and Procedures.

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